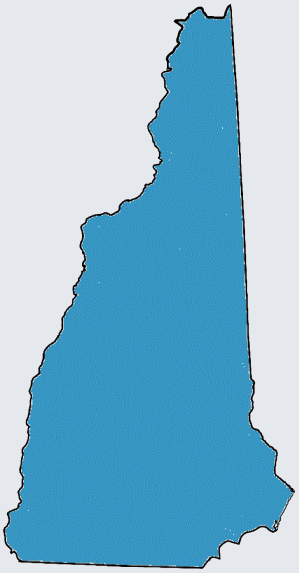

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Manchester BlitzFest

Manchester – October 1, 2016

BlitzFest, a round robin event for all comers, took place 1 October in Manchester. This was the first time anyone claimed the $500 bonus for a clean sweep. Sherif Khater was first at 12-0. Stijn Brand was second. Nathan Kelley was top under 2000 and Robert Sawdey top under 1600.

Sherif Khater receives an impressive handful of cash from Tournament Director Alex Relyea

Above: Second place winner Stijn Brand

Right Top: Top Under 2000 Nathan Kelley

Right Bottom: Top Under 1600 Robert Sawdey

Manchester Senior Open

Manchester – October 22 - 23, 2016

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	DAVID E CARTER	3.5	W 14	W 11	W 7	D 3
VT	10029732 / R: 2206 ->2220	N:C	B	W	B	W
2	CLAY BRADLEY	3.5	H	W 16	W 15	W 8
NH	12003970 / R: 2011 ->2039			B	W	B
3	MICHAEL P CAREY	3.0	W 16	W 13	D 8	D 1
RI	10120560 / R: 2248 ->2246	N:1	W	B	W	B
4	LEO W BONNELL	3.0	W 18	W 23	D 10	D 7
MA	10018048 / R: 1975 ->1985	N:2	W	B	W	B
5	ANTHONY JOHN ZAWADSKI	3.0	L 7	W 24	W 11	W 12
NH	12573217 / R: 1772 ->1829	N:1	B	W	B	W
6	LANCE BELOUNGIE	3.0	W 21	L 7	W 19	W 14
ME	12549406 / R: 1791 ->1812	N:2	B	W	B	W
7	HENRY L TERRIE	2.5	W 5	W 6	L 1	D 4
NH	10025265 / R: 2200 ->2200	N:1	W	B	W	W
8	J TIMOTHY SAGE	2.5	W 9	W 12	D 3	L 2
MA	10146712 / R: 2125 ->2120	N:1	B	W	B	W
9	JOE RAY	2.5	L 8	W 20	W 13	D 16
NH	15540607 / R: 1658 ->1710	N:2	W	B	W	B
10	RUSSELL M GOUVEIA	2.0	W 19	D 15	D 4	U
NH	10009006 / R: 1962 ->1959		B	W	B	
11	JOHN R PHYTHYON SR	2.0	W 17	L 1	L 5	W 18
ME	10315646 / R: 1852 ->1844	N:3	W	B	W	B
12	KEVORK HADDAD	2.0	W 20	L 8	W 18	L 5
NH	12809976 / R: 1836 ->1827	N:3	W	B	W	B
13	PAUL AROND	2.0	W 24	L 3	L 9	W 19
MA	12602977 / R: 1817 ->1806	N:3	B	W	B	W
14	EDWARD ARTHUR HARRIS	2.0	L 1	W 17	W 23	L 6
NH	12465223 / R: 1751 ->1745	N:4	W	B	W	B
15	MARC NOLAN	1.5	W 22	D 10	L 2	U
MA	12570654 / R: 1775 ->1778		W	B	B	
16	MICHAEL CORRIGAN	1.5	L 3	L 2	W 20	D 9
VT	12742909 / R: 1758 ->1756	N:3	B	W	B	W
17	JON MALEV	1.5	L 11	L 14	D 21	W 23
ME	10395534 / R: 1600 ->1600		B	W	B	W
18	PAUL KOLOJESKI	1.0	L 4	W 21	L 12	L 11
NH	12734090 / R: 1619 ->1607		B	W	B	W
19	ROBERT L CLAWSON	1.0	L 10	W 22	L 6	L 13
VT	10565111 / R: 1600 ->1600		W	B	W	B
20	GYULA VAROSY	1.0	L 12	L 9	L 16	B
NY	15326347 / R: 1560 ->1532		B	W	W	
21	ROBERT B WALTON JR	1.0	L 6	L 18	D 17	D 24
NH	14663655 / R: 1404 ->1408		W	B	W	B
22	DENNIS GALLAGHER	1.0	L 15	L 19	W 24	U
MD	12840178 / R: 1138 ->1197		B	W	B	
23	EUGENE TAPPEN	1.0	B	L 4	L 14	L 17
NH	14089872 / R: 1156 ->1150			W	B	B
24	JAMES L FITZGERALD	0.5	L 13	L 5	L 22	D 21
RI	12408512 / R: 1596 ->1539		W	B	W	W

NH Amateur Championship

Nashua – November 10, 2016

The 41st NH Amateur Championship drew 74 players to the Nashua Holiday Inn on November 5. In the top section, 5th seed Clay Bradley of Marlow, NH scored a perfect 4-0, defeating the top two seeds along the way. He thus becomes the new NH Amateur Champion. Congratulations to Clay! In the Under 1750 section there was another clear winner with 4-0: 11th ranked Dale Barkey of Lee, NH. Dale also did it the hard way, facing the top two seeds in rounds 3 and 4. Finally, in the Under 1300 section there was also a 4-0 winner: 2nd seed John Harju of Nottingham, NH. There was also a clear second in the section with 3.5 points: Sai Sneha Yerra of Nashua, NH.

One half of the playing hall in Nashua, NH

Messenger,Bob (1812) - Paulson,Ray (2010) [D13]

NH Amateur (1), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 e6 6.e3 a6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-0 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 b5 12.Rc1 0-0 13.e4 Nb4 14.Bb1 dxe4 15.Bxe4 Ra7 16.a3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bb1 g6 19.Ne5 Bb7 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.Rxc6 Qd7 22.Qc2 Rd8 23.Rc1 Kg7 24.Ba2 Bf6 25.Qc5 Be7 26.Qb6 Rda8 27.Rc7 Bd8 28.Rxd7 Bxb6 29.Rxd5 Rd8 30.Rxd8 Bxd8 31.d5 Bf6 32.Rc2 Be5 remaining moves lost to time trouble ½-½

O D Moore,Michael (1884) - Ames,Jeff (2018) [B22]

NH Amateur (1), 2016-11-05

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Qa5 3.Bc4 e6 4.d3 Nc6 5.Ne2 Nf6 6.0-0 Ne5 7.Ng3 b5 8.Bb3 c4 9.Bc2 cxd3 10.Bb3 h5 11.Re1 h4 12.Nf1 h3 13.g3 Bb7 14.f3 Bc5+ 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.Kf1 Nxf3 17.Qxf3 Bxe4 18.Qd1 Rh5 19.c4 Rf5+ 20.Kg1 Rf3 21.Nd2 Bxe3+ 22.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 0-1

French,Al (1950) - Varatharajan,Venkatraman (1345) [D02]

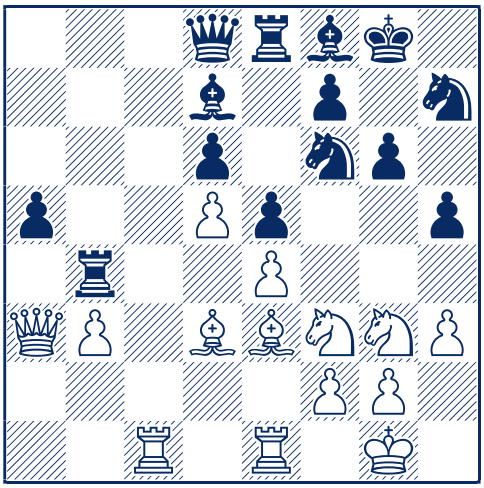
NH Amateur (1), 2016-11-05

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.Bg3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.c3 c4 8.Bc2 Nc6 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Qe2 Bd7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 f5 15.Qe2 b5 16.0-0 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Re7 18.Rad1 Rae8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qc7 21.Rd6 Bc6 22.Red1 Rd7 23.Rxd7 Bxd7 24.Rd6 Re7 25.Qd2 h6 26.Qd4 Bc6 27.h3 Rd7 28.a3 Bd5 29.Bxf5 Rxd6 30.exd6 Qxd6 31.Bc2 Qe7 32.Qe5 Kf7 33.Bh7 Qf6 34.Qc7+ Qe7 35.Qb8 Qg5 36.Qxa7+ Kf6 37.Qd4+ Kf7 38.Be4 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ 40.Kg1 Qxe4 41.Qa7+ Kf6 42.f3 ½-½

Elmore,John (2080) - Godin,Paul (1944) [C99]

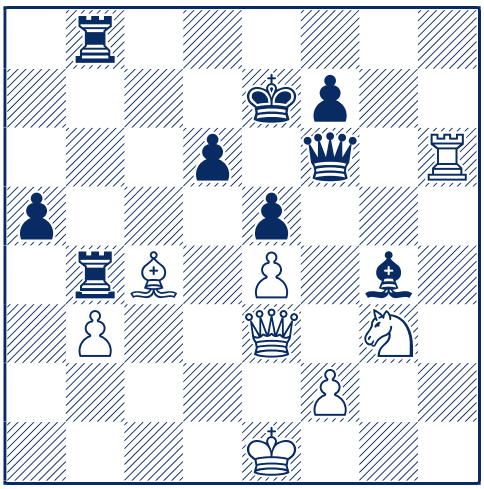
NH Amateur (1), 2016-11-05

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 d6 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.d5 Nb8 15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ng3 g6 17.Bg5 Nbd7 18.Nh2 Bf8 19.Rc1 Bg7 20.Bb1 Qd8 21.Ng4 h5 22.Nh2 Nf8 23.Nf3 N8h7 24.Be3 Bd7 25.Qb3 a5 26.a3 Rb8 27.Bd3 b4 28.axb4 Rxb4 29.Qa3 Bf8 30.b3



(black to move)

30…h4! 31.Nxh4 Nxd5 32.Nxg6?! (32.exd5 Qxh4 33.Qxa5 Rxb3=) 32…Nxe3 33.Nxf8 Nxg2 34.Kxg2 Nxf8 35.Bc4 Ng6 36.Rg1 Nf4+ 37.Kf3? Kf8 38.Rh1 Qf6 39.Ke3 Nxh3 40.Rxh3 Qf4+ 41.Ke2 Bxh3 42.Rg1 (42.Rh1) 42…Bg4+ 43.Ke1 Qf3 (43…Rc8 would be crushing, but Black is still clearly winning.) 44.Qc1 Qf6 (44…Rc8) 45.Qe3 Reb8 46.Rh1 Ke7 47.Rh6



(black to move)

47…Qf3?? (The pendulum now swings painfully in the other direction. 47…Qf4, forcing a queen trade, still wins.) 48.Nf5+! Bxf5 (Forced. The mating lines here are very pretty. The longest one goes 48…Kd7 49.Rxd6+ Ke8 50.Bxf7+! Kxf7 51.Rf6+! Ke8 52.Re6+ Kd7 53.Qa7+ R8b7 54.Re7+ Kc6 [or 54…Kd8 55.Qa8+ Rb8 56.Qd5+ Kc8 57.Qg8 mate] 55.Qa6+ R7b6 56.Qc8+ Kb5 57.Rxe5 mate.) 49.Qxf3 Bg6 50.Bxf7 Rxe4+ 51.Kf1 Rf4 52.Qe3 Bxf7 53.Qa7+ Kf8 54.Qxb8+ Kg7 55.Qh8# 1-0

Garside,Finn (1527) - OKuniewicz,Daniel (1692) [B19]

NH Amateur, U1750 (1), 2016-11-05

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Ngf6 10.Bf4 e6 11.Bxh7 Nxh7 12.Ne4 Ndf6 13.Qd3 Qd5 14.Ng3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.c4 0-0 17.0-0-0 Rac8 18.Ne5 a5 19.c5 Qd5 20.Qc4 Qxg2 21.Qf1 Qd5 22.Qc4 Qxc4+ 23.Nxc4 Nd7 (23…Ra8) 24.Nxa5 b6 25.cxb6 Nxb6 26.Kb1 Rc7 27.Rc1 Rfc8 28.Ne4 Rd8 29.Rxc6 Ra7 30.Rxb6 Rxa5 31.Rc1 (31.b4 Rad5 32.a4 Rxd4 33.f3 is better, getting the queenside pawns rolling.) 31...Rxh5 32.Rd6 Rxd6 33.Rc8+?! Nf8 34.Nxd6 Rd5 35.Rd8? h5 36.Nb7 Rxd8 37.Nxd8 h4 0-1

Commisso,Michael (1676) - Dailing,Lee (1519) [B06]

NH Amateur, U1750 (1), 2016-11-05

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.Bc4 e6 6.Bb3 Ne7 7.Nge2 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Nf4 Bxb3 11.axb3 Nd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.c3 Qe7 14.Qc2 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Ne2 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Rd7 (17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Rd8=) 18.b4 Nb7? (18…Rxd1+ first avoids the coming tactic, e.g., 19.Rxd1 [19.Qxd1 Rd8 20.Qc2 Nd3] 19…Na6) 19.Rxd7 Qxd7 20.Bxb6! Nd6 21.Bd4 e5 22.Bc5 Nf5 23.Rd1 Qb7 24.Qd3 Nh4 25.Qd5 Qc8 26.Ng3 Nf5 27.Nxf5 gxf5 28.Qd7 a6 29.Qxc8+ Rxc8 30.Kf1 h5 31.Rd5 Kh7 32.f4 f6 33.fxe5 fxe5 34.Rd7 Rc6 (Better is 34…Kg8, getting out of the pin.) 35.Bf8 Rg6 36.c4 Kh6 37.Bxg7+ Rxg7 38.Rxg7 Kxg7 39.b5 1-0

Tilton,Jeremy (1006) - Harju,John (1214) [B06]

NH Amateur, U1300 (1), 2016-11-05

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 e6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Bf6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e5 Qg7 9.Qe2 Ne7 10.Ne4 d5 11.Nf6+ Kf8 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Nxd7+ Bxd7 14.c4 b6 15.Rc1 c5 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxa6 Nf4 18.Qe4 Nxg2+ 19.Kf1 Rxa6 20.Qb7 Bb5+ 21.Kxg2 Qh6 22.dxc5 bxc5? 23.Qxb5 Rxa2 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Kg7 26.Qxc5 Qh5 27.Qe7? (27.h3 or 27.Ra4, covering the g4 square, both retain White's large plus.) 27…Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qxf3 29.Ra7 Rc8 30.Rc7 Rb8 31.Rc3 Qh1+ 32.Ke2 Rxb2+ 33.Kd3 Qd5+ 34.Ke3 Qd2+ 35.Ke4 Qe2+ 36.Kd4 Rd2+ 37.Kc5 Qxe5+ 38.Kb6 Qxc3 39.Qc5 Qxc5+ 40.Kxc5 Rxf2 41.h4 f5 42.Kd4 Rf1 43.Ke3 e5 44.Ke2 Rf4 45.h5 e4 46.Ke1 g5 47.Ke2 Kh6 48.Ke3 Kxh5 49.Kd4 g4 50.Ke5 and black went on to win by mate 0-1

Fiske,Mike (1213) - Figelman,Maya (978) [A47]

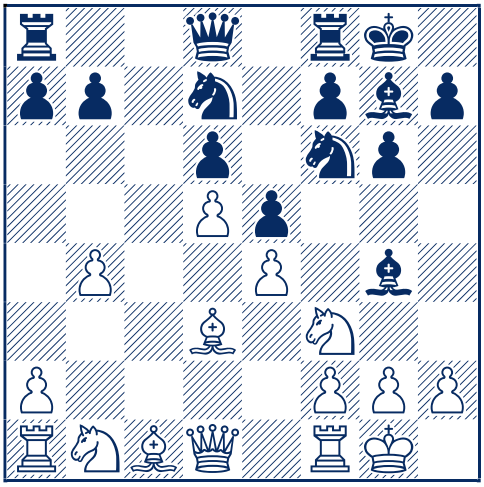
NH Amateur, U1300 (1), 11.11.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 4.e3 Bb7 5.Be2 Ne4 6.0-0 f5 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Be5 0-0 10.h3 Nc6 11.Bf4 Bf6 12.c4 Be7 (12…Ne7 is about equal.) 13.d5! Na5 (Inserting 13…exd5 14.cxd5 before playing 14…Na5 would at least leave the d-pawn undefended by its neighbor. Likewise, the more aggressive 13…g5 14.Bh2 exd5 15.cxd5 Na5 16.Rc1 c5 is worth a try.) 14.dxe6? (This gives back much of White's edge. Instead 14.Nd2, threatening f3, takes advantage of the fact the d5 pawn is still protected by c4.) 14…dxe6 15.Qxd8 Bxd8 (15…Rfxd8 is also possible, since 16.Bxc7 Rdc8 recovers the pawn.) 16.Rfd1 Bxf3 (16…Bf6=) 17.Bxf3 Rb8 (17…Rc8) 18.b3 Bf6 19.Rac1 e5 20.Bh2 e4 21.Be2 Rbc8 (21…Rf7) 22.Rd7 (22.c5) 22…Rf7 23.Rcd1 h6 24.Rxf7 Kxf7 25.Rd7+ Kg8 (25…Ke6 centralizing the king offers better chances.) 26.Bxc7 Kf8 27.Bd6+ Ke8 28.Rxa7 Rd8 29.Bh5+ g6 30.Bxg6# 1-0

Trendell,Scott (947) - Tappen,Eugene (1150) [A48]

NH Amateur, U1300 (1), 2016-11-05

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.e4 Bg4 7.c3 e5 8.d5 c6 9.c4 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nbd7 11.b4?



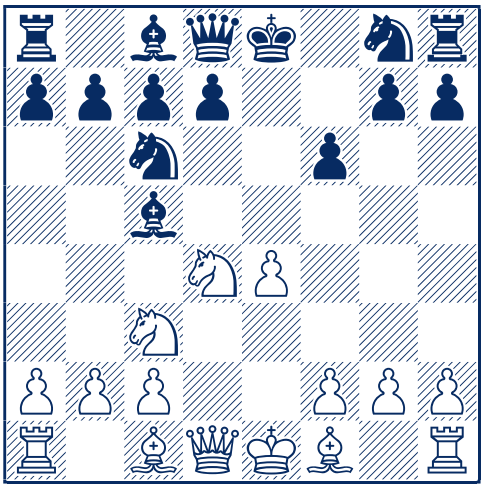
Spot The Tactic #1 (black to move)

11…a6 12.a3 Rc8 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nc4 16.a4 Nd7 17.Rc1 Nxd2 18.Nxd2 Qf6 19.Ra2 Rxc1+ 20.Kh2 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 f5 22.Rc2 Rxc2 23.Bxc2 fxe4 24.Bxe4 Nb6 25.a5 Nc4 26.Bc2 Rc8 27.Ba4 e4 28.Bd7 Rf8 29.Be6+ Kh8 30.Ng5 Be5+ 31.Kh1 Kg7 (31…e3!) 32.Nxe4 Rf4 33.f3 b6 34.g3 Rxf3 35.Bg4 Rb3 36.axb6 Nxb6 37.Be2 Rxb4 38.Bxa6 Rxe4 39.Kg2 Rd4 40.Bb7 Nxd5 41.Kf3 Nf6 42.h4 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Rxg3 44.Bf3 g5 45.hxg5 Rxg5 46.Ke3 h5 47.Bb7 h4 48.Kd3 h3 49.Kc4 h2 50.Kb5 Rg1 51.Kb6 h1Q 52.Bxh1 Rxh1 53.Kb5 Rc1 0-1

Tilton,Sebastian (1142) - See,Te (1006) [C44]

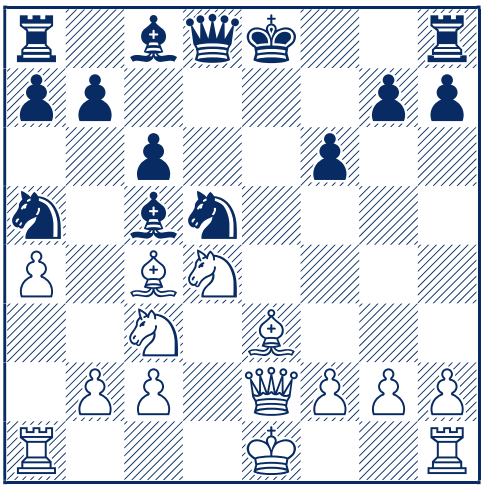
NH Amateur, U1300 (1), 2016-11-05

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 f6?! (3…Nf6=) 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bc5?



Spot The Tactic #2 (white to move)

6.Be3 Nge7 7.Bc4 Na5 8.Qe2 c6 9.a4 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5? (Better is 10…Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Bxd4 12.Bxd4 Nxd5)



Spot The Tactic #3 (white to move)

11.Nxd5 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Qxd5 13.Qd3 Qe5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Rhe1 Qxh2 16.Rh1 Qe5 17.Qxh7+ Kf7 18.Rh5 Qe8 (18…Qe7 keeps things protected, but White still crashes through with 19.Rxc5 Qxc5 20.Nb5 etc.) 19.Rxc5 Bg4 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Qxd8 23.Qh5+ Ke7 24.Rc4 Rh8 25.Bc5+ Ke6 26.Re4+ Kd7 27.Rd4+ Kc8 28.Qg4+ Kb8 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Qxg7 1-0

Ashley,Logan (974) - Bakker,Andre (1196) [D53]

NH Amateur, U1300 (1), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.h4 a6 (8…dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5, meeting White's kingside intentions with a counterattack in the center, gives Black a slight edge.) 9.g4 Bxh4 10.Nf3 Bg5 (10…Be7 or 10…Bf6 are safer options.) 11.Qc2 (11.Nxg5! Qxg5 12.f4 is very strong.) 11…f5? (11…Nc6 or 11…dxc4 are to be preferred.) 12.gxf5 exf5 13.Nxd5 Nc6 (13…c6 14.Nc3 f4) 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Rdg1 bxc4 (15…Be6) 16.Bxc4 Rb8 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Nxc6 Qe8 19.Nxb8 Bb7 20.Rxg5 Bxf3 21.Rh3 f4 22.Rf5 fxe3 23.Rhxf3 Rf6 24.Rxf6 gxf6 25.Rxf6 exf2 26.Qxf2 1-0

Xu,Bernie (1909) - Messenger,Bob (1812) [E32]

NH Amateur (2), 2016-11-05

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bb7 9.Nf3 d6 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Bd3 g5 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.f4 g4 18.Rad1 f5 19.b4 c5 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxd8 Rexd8 24.Qf6 Rd2 25.Bf2 Rb8 26.Qxh6 Rbb2 27.Qg5+ Kh7 28.Qh4+ Kg8 29.Rc1 Rxf2 30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Nd7 32.g3 Nb6 33.Ke2 Kf7 remaining moves lost to time trouble ½-½

Cote,Josh (1944) - Elmore,John (2080) [D69]

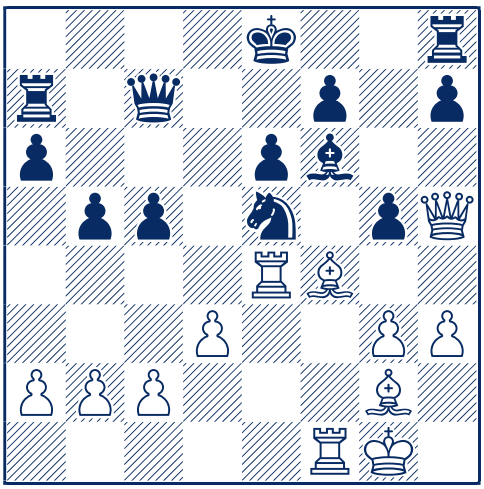
NH Amateur (2), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Rc1 c6 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 e5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.f4 Qf6 16.Qe2 Be6 17.Rd1 Rad8 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.a3 Qe4 20.Rcd3 Rde8 21.Qd2 Re7 22.Rd4 Qxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Rxe3 24.Rd7 Rb3 25.Re7 Rxb2 26.Rdd7 Ra2 27.Rxb7 Rxa3 28.Rec7 Ra6 29.Kf2 g6 30.Kf3 Kg7 31.g3 Kf6 32.Ke4 h5 33.h4 Re8+ 34.Kd4 Kf5 35.Rxa7 Rxa7 36.Rxa7 f6 37.Rg7 c5+ 38.Kxc5 Re3 39.Kd6 Rxg3 40.Ke7 Re3+ 41.Kf7 Ra3 42.Kg8 Ra4 43.Kh7 Rxf4 44.Rxg6 Rxh4 45.Rh6 Ke5 46.Kg6 Rh1 47.Kf7 f5 48.Re6+ Kf4 49.Kf6 Kg4 50.Re5 f4 51.Rg5+ Kf3 52.Ra5 Kg3 53.Kg5 f3 54.Ra3 Kg2 0-1

Godin,Paul (1944) - Kelley,Nathan (1728) [B23]

NH Amateur (2), 2016-11-05

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.d3 Nf6 4.g3 a6 5.Bg2 e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 (Not 11…Nxe5? 12.Bf4 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3) 12.Bf4 Ra7 (12…Bb7 is more natural.) 13.h3 Ngxe5 (13…Nh6 is apparently required as White now takes over.) 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qh5 Bf6 (15…g5 16.Bxg5 Ng6 16.Ne4 (or 16.Rae1) 16…Bb7 17.Rae1 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 g5



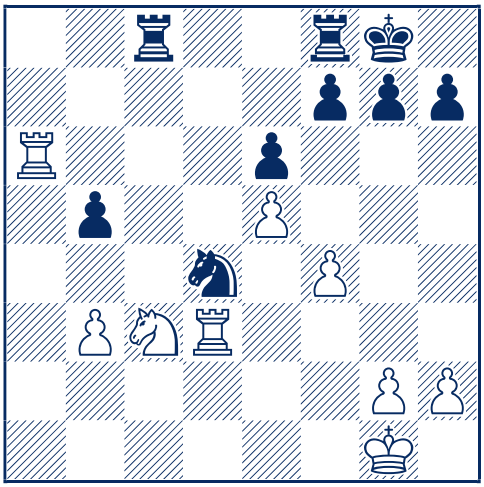
Spot The Tactic #4 (white to move)

19.Bxg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Ng6 21.Rf5 c4 22.d4 Qe7 23.Rc5 Qxg5 24.Rxg5 Ne7 25.Rc5 0-0 26.Rg4+ Kh8 27.Rf4 Nf5 28.Kf2 Rd8 29.c3 Rad7 30.Be4 Nd6 31.Bb1 f5 32.Rc6 a5 33.Rc5 a4 34.Re5 Re8 35.Bc2 Kg7 36.g4 Rf7 37.gxf5 exf5 38.Rxe8 Nxe8 39.Rxf5 Rxf5+ 40.Bxf5 remaining moves lost to time trouble 1-0

Martin,David (1603) - Commisso,Michael (1676) [A03]

NH Amateur, U1750 (2), 2016-11-05

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.Be2 Nc6 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.Qe1 d4 10.Nd1 Nb4 11.Rc1 (11.Bd3) 11…Nxa2 12.Ra1 Nb4 13.Rc1 Qb6 (13…Nfd5) 14.exd4 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Bc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 17.Qf2 Ne4 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Nc3 b5 20.d4 Nd7 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bb7 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 Rac8 25.Ra1 Nxc2 26.Rxa6 Nd4 27.Rd3



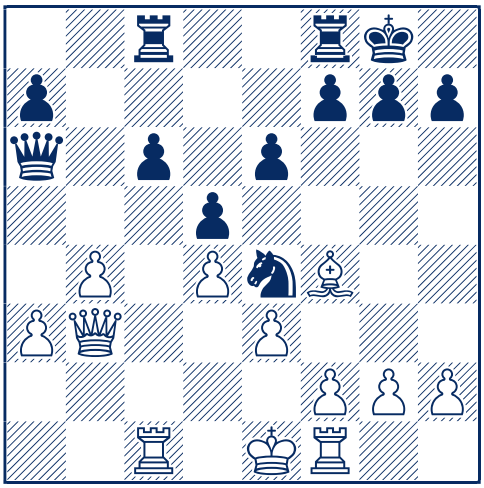
Spot The Tactic #5 (black to move)

27…Rfd8 28.Rd6 Rxd6 29.exd6 Nxb3 30.Nxb5 Na5 31.d7 Rd8 32.Rc3 Kf8 33.Rc8 Ke7 34.Rxd8 Kxd8 35.Nd6 f6 36.Ne8 Kxd7 37.Nxg7 Nc4 38.Nh5 Ke7 39.Ng3 e5 40.fxe5 Nxe5 41.Kf2 ½-½

Feng,Victor (1516) - Havener,Jason (1650) [D13]

NH Amateur, U1750 (2), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Qb6 6.b3 Bf5 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.e3 Nb4 9.Rc1 Bd3 (9…Nxa2) 10.Ne5 (10.a3 forces the knight back after 10…Bxf1 11.Nxf1) 10…Bxf1 11.Rxf1 e6 (11…Nxa2) 12.a3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.b4 Be7 15.Qc2 Rc8 16.Nb3 0-0 17.Nc5 Bxc5 (17…a5) 18.Qxc5 Qa6 19.Qc3 Ne4 20.Qb3?



Spot The Tactic #6 (black to move)

20…Qb7 21.f3 Nf6 22.Bd6 Rfd8 23.Bc5 a5 24.Ra1 Nd7 25.Qc3 axb4 26.axb4 Nb6 27.Rf2 Nc4 28.Ra7 Qb8 29.f4 Rc7 30.Rxc7 Qxc7 31.Rf3? (31.Ra2, keeping an eye on the a-file, is better.) 31…Ra8 32.Rh3 Ra3 33.Qc1 Qc8 34.Kf2 Qa8 35.Qb1 g6 36.b5 Ra2+ 37.Kf3 Nd2+ 0-1

OKuniewicz,Daniel (1692) - Meehan,Michael (1635) [B01]

NH Amateur, U1750 (2), 2016-11-05

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 Bxe6 5.d4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Bd2 Qxd4 8.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 9.Be2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Bxc4 11.0-0-0 0-0? (11…Nc6 12.Bf3 Qe6 is better for Black.) 12.Bf3 Qg6 13.Bxb7 Bxa2 (After 13…Nc6 14.Bxa8 Rxa8, Black has some compensation for the exchange.) 14.Qd3 Qg5+ 15.Qe3 Qb5 16.Bxa8 Qc4+ 17.Qc3 Qf4+ 18.Rd2 Qf5 19.Qc2 Qg5 20.b3 Qe5 21.Qxa2 Qc3+ 22.Qc2 Qa1+ 23.Qb1 Qc3+ 24.Rc2 Qe1+ 25.Kb2 Qe5+ 26.Rc3 Rd8 27.Nf3 1-0

Medoff,Justin (1083) - Fiske,Mike (1213) [E00]

NH Amateur, U1300 (2), 2016-11-05

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bf4 a6 8.e3 b5 9.Ne5 b4?? (9…Bb7) 10.Nc6 bxc3 11.Nxd8 cxb2 12.Rb1 Bxd8 13.Rxb2 0-0 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.Bd3 g6 16.h4 f5 17.Rh3 Ndf6 18.Bg5 Nd6 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Rg3 Ne4 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.h5 Bf5 23.hxg6 Bxg6 24.Qb3 c6 25.Qa4 1-0

Figelman,Maya (978) - Davis,Allan (1228) [C57]

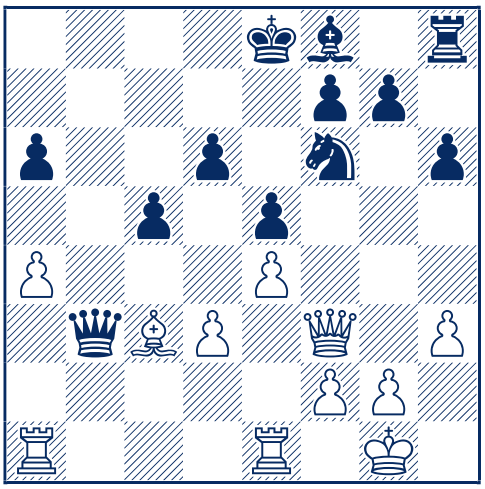
NH Amateur, U1300 (2), 2016-11-05

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Ke6 8.Nc3 Bc5 9.Bxd5+ Kd7 10.Qf7+ Qe7 11.Ne4 Qxf7 12.Bxf7 Bb6 13.0-0 Rf8 14.Bc4 h6 15.d3 Na5 16.Bd2 Nxc4 17.dxc4 c5 18.Be3 Kc6 19.Rfd1 Bf5 20.f3 Bxe4 21.fxe4 Rad8 22.Rd3 Rxd3 23.cxd3 Bd8 24.Bf2 Bg5 25.a3 Rd8 26.Rd1 b5 27.cxb5+ Kxb5 28.Rc1 Rxd3 29.Rxc5+ Ka6 30.h4 Bf4 31.Rc6+ Kb7 32.Rg6 Rd1+ 33.Be1 Rxe1+ 34.Kf2 Rb1 35.Rxg7+ Kb6 36.Rg6+ Kb5 37.g3 Rxb2+ 38.Kf3 Rb3+ 39.Kg4 Rxg3+ 40.Kh5 Rxa3 41.Rg8 a5 42.Rb8+ Kc4 43.Rh8 a4 44.Rxh6 Bxh6 45.Kxh6 Rh3 46.h5 a3 0-1

Harju,John (1214) - Ashley,Logan (974) [B50]

NH Amateur, U1300 (2), 2016-11-05

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 e6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.0-0 h6 7.Nf3 e5 8.Re1 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd4 11.Qd1 b5? (11…Be7) 12.Nxb5 Nxb5 13.Bxb5+ Nd7 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.a4 Rb6 (15…Be7 16.d3 0-0) 16.d3 a6 17.Bc4 Nf6 18.Bd2 Rxb2 19.Bb3 Qb6 20.Bc3 Rxb3 21.cxb3 Qxb3



Spot The Tactic #7 (white to move)

22.Rec1 Be7 23.Ba5 0-0 24.Rcb1 Qe6 25.Rb7 Rc8 26.Rab1 Nd7 27.Qg4 Bd8 28.Qxe6 fxe6 29.Rxd7 Bxa5 30.Rxd6 c4 31.dxc4 Rxc4 32.Rxa6 Bc7 33.f3 Kf7 34.Ra7 Kf6 35.Rbb7 Bd8 36.Rxg7 Bb6+ 37.Kh2 Bxa7 38.Rxa7 Kg5 39.Kg3 h5 40.h4+ Kg6 41.a5 Rd4 42.a6 Ra4 43.Ra8 Kg7 44.a7 Kf7 45.f4 (45.Rh8 Rxa7 46.Rh7+) 45…Ra3+ 46.Kf2 exf4 47.e5 Ke7 48.Rh8 Kd7 49.a8Q 1-0

Tappen,Eugene (1150) - Bilodeau,Ethan (781) [D02]

NH Amateur, U1300 (2), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.c4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nb4 9.Be2 c5 10.a3 Nc6 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.b3 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Qg5 16.g3 Be6 17.Qc2 Rad8 18.Rad1 Bf5 19.Qb2 Ne4 20.Bf3 Nf6? (20…b5) 21.Bxb7 Qg4 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Ne5 Rd2?? (23…Qh5) 24.Qxd2 Qg5 25.Qd8+ Ne8 26.Qxe8# 1-0

Bradley,Clay (2039) - Figelman,Ilya (2077) [A47]

NH Amateur (3), 2016-11-05

Annotated by Clay Bradley

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Bd3 Be7 6.h3 Ne4 7.0-0 f5 8.c4

I'm usually looking to challenge black's light square dominance with Qc2, either knight to d2, f2-f3 or d4-d5.

8...d6 9.Qc2 Nd7 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 e5

Just inviting me to sac. I figured I can get either 2 pawns and an overwhelming attack or 3 pawns where I have a shattered pawn structure but his King will be looking for a safe space for a long while.

12.Bxf5 exf4 13.Bxh7 Nf6 fxe3

Trying to save a pawn just looks suicidal as all my pieces with flow with the tide towards his airy kingside.

14.Bg6+ Kf8 15.exf4 d5

Best move. Preventing my own d4-d5 and creating legit threats along the long diagonal.

16.Nf3

Speed of attack is everything here.

16...dxc4 17.Ng5

Not completely sound, but not real easy to defend OTB in a 60 minute game.

17...Qd5 18.f3

Offering up a free center pawn with check! You can't go home again.

18...Bc8

Black should have accepted here and called my bluff. Sometimes chess is like poker.

19.Rad1 Rh6 20.Rfe1

Getting my last piece into the attack. Black would have been wise to take out my bishop with Rxg6. I thought the tweener Re5 was strong, but black ends up with 2 Bs vs a rook.

20...Bd7 21.Re5

A critical point in the game for me. I took almost half of my time on this one move. I went from 15 minutes up to 10 minutes down. The choice between Bf7, Nh6+ and Re5 is very tough. None lead to anything clear cut.

21...Qc6 22.Bf7

I really, really, really want that a2-g8 diagonal.

22...Bd6 23.Bxc4

Really, reeeaallly want it.

23...Bxe5 24.dxe5 Ne8?

Nh5, Re8 or even b5 were better tries, but it's all still unclear even to my best engines.

25.Qd3!

With threats on d7, pushing e5-e6 and Bd5, I am finally close to converting this one.

25...Be6?

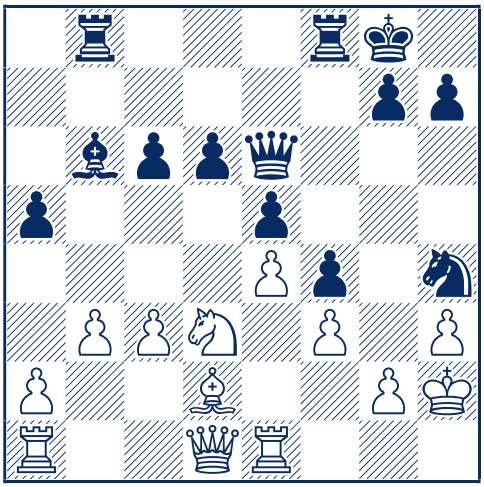
This brings on the end very fast.

26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Qf5+ Rf6 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.Nh7+ Kg8 30.Nxf6+ gxf6 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.Qh7 Qc5+ 33.Kh2 Re8 34.Rd7 1-0

Elmore,John (2080) - Ames,Jeff (2010) [C73]

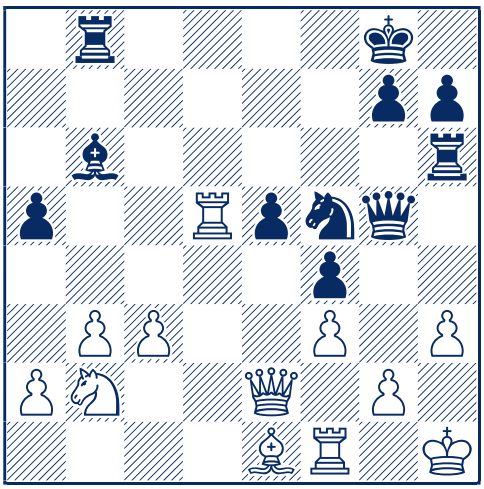
NH Amateur (3), 2016-11-05

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d4 f6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.c3 Ne7 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.h3 Be6 11.Re1 Be7 12.Nf1 0-0 13.Ne3 Qc8 14.d5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Bd8 16.Be3 Rb8 17.b3 c6 18.Nb4 a5 19.Nd3 f5 20.Ng5 f4 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Bd2 Nh4 (22…f3∓) 23.f3? (23.Kh2) 23…Bb6+ 24.Kh2



Spot The Tactic #8 (black to move)

24…Qg6 25.Qe2 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Rf6 27.Rf1 Rh6 (27…Rg6∓) 28.Be1= Qg5 29.Nb2 d5?! 30.exd5 cxd5 31.Rd1 (31.Bxh4 Qxh4 32.Qxe5±) 31…Nf5 32.Rxd5



Spot The Tactic #9 (black to move)

32…Ne3 33.c4 Nxd5 34.cxd5 Qf5 35.Kh2 Rc8 (35…Rd8 36.Qe4 Qd7 37.Bc3 Qxd5 38.Qxe5 Qxe5 39.Bxe5 g5∓) 36.Nc4= Bd4 (36…a4) 37.Bxa5 Qg6 38.Be1 Qa6 (39…Rd8) 39.Bf2 Bxf2 40.Rxf2 Re8 41.Qe4 Qa7 (41…Qg6) 42.Rd2 Qe7 43.d6 Qh4 44.Qe2 (44.d7) 44…Qg3+ 45.Kh1 Rd8 46.Nxe5 Rhxd6 47.Rxd6! Rc8 48.Qc4+! 1-0

Messenger,Bob (1812) - Kochman,David (1955) [C42]

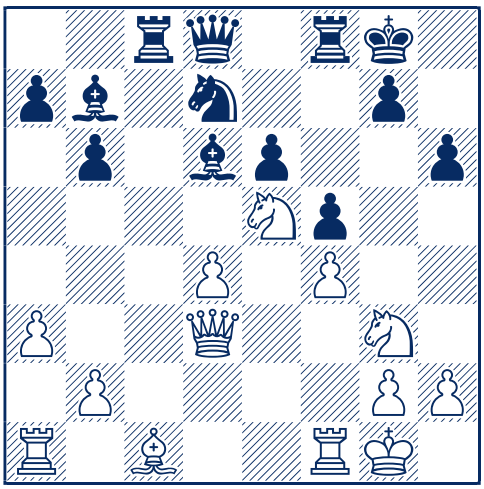
NH Amateur (3), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 exd4 5.exd4 Nf6 6.Bxc4 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Be3 Nbd7 10.Be2 c6 11.h3 Bf5 12.d5 Nb8 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 a6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rxd5 Rd6 23.Rxd6 Bxd6 24.Kf1 f5 25.Bd4 Kf7 26.Ke2 g6 27.Kd3 Ke6 28.f3 Kd5 29.b3 b5 30.Bg7 Be5 31.Bf8 Bf6 32.Bb4 Bb2 33.Bf8 Bf6 ½-½

Meehan,Michael (1635) - Walton,Robert (1408) [A45]

NH Amateur, U1750 (3), 2016-11-05

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 b6 4.Nd2 Bb7 5.f3 d6 6.Ne2 Be7 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.e4 c5 9.c3 0-0 10.Ng3 Rc8 11.f4 h6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nf3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.a3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 f5 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Ne5?



Spot The Tactic #10 (black to move)

18…Nf6 19.Re1 Bd5 20.b4 Qc7 21.Be3 Qc2 22.Qxc2 Rxc2 23.Re2 Rfc8 24.Rae1 R8c3 25.Rxc2 Rxc2 26.Re2 Rc3 27.Kf2 Rxa3 (27…Bxe5 28.dxe5 Ng4+ wins the bishop.) 28.Rc2 Ra2 (28…Bxe5) 29.Rxa2 Bxa2 30.Bd2 Nd5 31.Nc6 a6 32.Ne2 Kf8 33.g3 Ke8 34.Nc3 Nxb4 35.Nxb4 Bxb4 36.Ke1 Bb3 37.Nb1 Bxd2+ 38.Kxd2 Bd5 39.Nc3 Kd7 40.Na4 Kc6 41.Kc3 b5 42.Nc5 a5 43.Kb2 Bc4 44.Ka3 Kd5 0-1

Fiske,Mike (1213) - Trendell,Scott (1117) [A46]

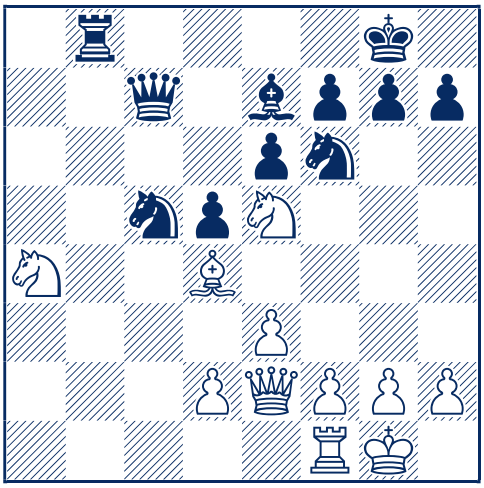
NH Amateur, U1750 (3), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 c6 5.Be2 Qa5+ 6.c3 e6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 e5? (8…h6=) 9.Nc4 Qc7 (9…Qd5) 10.dxe5 d5? (10…dxe5) 11.e6 (11.exf6 is even stronger, e.g., 11…Qd8 12.fxg7 Bxg7 13.Nd6+ Kf8 14.Nxf5) 11…Qd8 12.exd7+ Bxd7 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Bxd6 Bg4 15.Be5 0-0 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qd4 Bxf3 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Bxf3 Rfe8 20.Rad1 Re5 21.Rd4 f5 22.Rh4 Rae8 23.Rd1 f6 24.Rdd4 c5 25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.Ra4 a6 28.Kf1 Rd8 29.c4 b5 1-0

Havener,Jason (1650) - OKuniewicz,Daniel (1692) [A00]

NH Amateur, U1750 (3), 2016-11-05

1.Nf3 d5 2.b4 e6 3.Bb2 Nf6 4.b5 a6 5.a4 axb5 6.axb5 Rxa1 7.Bxa1 c6 8.e3 Be7 9.c4 0-0 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Ne5 Qb6 15.Bd4 Ba6 16.Nc3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Rb8 18.Na4 Qc7? (18…Qa6)



Spot The Tactic #11 (white to move)

19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Rc1 Qd6 (20…Bd6! 21.Rxc7 Rb1+ 22.Qf1 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Bxc7=) 21.Bxc5 (21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Bxc5 Rc8 23.d4 Ne4 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.f3 Nxc5 26.dxc5 Qe7 [Not 26…Rxc5?? 27.Qe8+ Qf8 28.Qxe6+ Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxc5] 27.Qe5 or 26…Qc7 27.Qg4 Qe5 28.Qd4±) 21…Qxe5 22.d4 Qe4 23.f3 Qg6 24.Qa6 h5 25.Bd6 Rb1 26.Qf1 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Qd3 28.Kf2 Kh7 29.Bf4 Kg6 30.h3 h4 31.Qb2 Nh5 32.Bh2 Ng3 33.Bxg3 hxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Qxe3 35.h4 Kh5 36.Qb1 f5 37.Qd1 (37.Qb8=) 37…g5 (37…f4+ 38.Kh2 Qf2) 38.hxg5 Kxg5 39.Kh2 Kh4 40.g3+ Kg5 41.f4+ Kg6 42.Kh3 Qf2 43.Qd3 Qg1 44.Qe2 Kf6 45.Qe5+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kg6 47.Qc2 Qxd4 48.g4?? (48.Qc8=) 48…Qxf4 49.gxf5+ Qxf5+ 50.Qxf5+ 0-1

Tilton,Sebastian (1142) - Harju,John (1214) [B00]

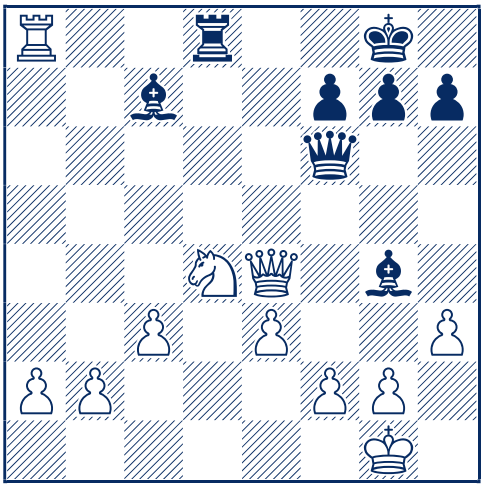
NH Amateur, U1300 (3), 2016-11-05

1.e4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 (4.Bd3±) 4…Nxe4 5.Nxe4 Bxe4 6.Bb5 c6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 e6 9.Bf4 Be7 10.0-0 d6 11.d5? cxd5 12.c4 e5 (12…dxc4) 13.Bd2 (13.Qxd5) 13…e4 (13…d4-+) 14.Qd4 (14.Qxd5±) 14…Bf6 (14…exf3) 15.Qe3 (15.Qxd5±) 15…0-0 16.cxd5 (16.Nd4) 16…exf3 17.Qxf3 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bf6 19.Qg3 Bh4 20.Qg4 f5 21.Qd4 Nd7 22.Bc3 Bf6 23.Qd3 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Rc8 25.Qd4 Qf6 26.Qa4 Rc7 27.Rbc1 Nc5 28.Qc4 a6 29.Rfe1 b5 30.Qc2 Rfc8 31.Qe2 Ne4 32.Rxc7 Rxc7 33.f3 Re7 (33...Qd4+ 34.Kh1 [34.Kf1 Nd2+ 35.Qxd2 Qxd2; 34.Qe3 Qxe3+ 35.Rxe3 Rc1+ 36.Re1 Rxe1#] 34...Nf2+ 35.Kg1 Ng4+ 36.Kh1 [36.Qe3 Qxe3+ 37.Rxe3 Rc1+ 38.Re1 Rxe1#] 36...Re7 37.Qf1 [37.Qxe7 Nf2+ 38.Kg1 Nh3+ 39.Kh1 Qg1+ 40.Rxg1 Nf2#; 37.fxg4 Rxe2] 37...Nf2+ 38.Kg1 Nd3+ 39.Re3 Qxe3+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nh3+ 42.Kh1 Qe1 43.Qxe1 [43.gxh3 Qxf1#] 43...Rxe1#) 34.fxe4 Rxe4 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Rxe4 fxe4 37.Qa5 Qd4+ 38.Kf1 Qd3+ 39.Ke1 Qb1+ 40.Ke2 Qc2+ 41.Qd2 Qxd2+ 42.Kxd2 Kf7 43.Ke3 Kf6 44.Kxe4 g5 45.g4 a5 46.Kd4 h6 47.h3 b4 48.Kc4 Ke5 49.Kb5 Kxd5 50.Kxa5 Kc5 51.Ka4 Kc4 52.a3 b3 53.h4 gxh4 54.g5 hxg5 55.Ka5 b2 56.a4 b1Q 57.Ka6 Kc5 58.a5 Kc6 59.Ka7 Qb7# 0-1

Bradley,Clay (2010) - Elmore,John (2080) [D02]

NH Amateur (4), 2016-11-05

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 Bf5 7.dxc5 Qa5 (7…e6) 8.Nd4 Bg6 9.Nb3 Qd8 10.Bd3 e5 11.Bh2 e4 12.Be2 Be7 13.Na4 0-0 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Rd1 Bf8 16.Nb6 Ra7 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qf6 19.c3 Raa8 20.0-0 a5 21.Nd4 Rad8 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Qxb7 Ne5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Nc6 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Re8 27.Rd5 Bf8 28.Rxa5 Bf5 29.Nd4 Bc8 30.Qd5 Bd6 31.Ra8 Rd8 32.Qxe4 Bc7 33.Bg4 Bxg4



Spot The Tactic #12 (white to move)

34.Rxd8+ Qxd8 35.hxg4 g6 36.g3 Qb8 37.b3 Bd6 38.Kg2 Qc8 39.Qd5 Bf8 40.c4 Qxg4 41.a4 h5 42.Nf3 Be7 43.Qd4 Qe6 44.Qd5 Qf6 45.c5 g5 46.c6 Bd8 47.c7 1-0

Clay Bradley vs John Elmore

Open Section – Final Round

Daniel OKuniewicz vs Dale Barkey

U1750 – Final Round

John Harju (right) vs Justin Medoff (left)

U1300 – Final Round

Portsmouth Open

Portsmouth – January 14 - 15, 2017

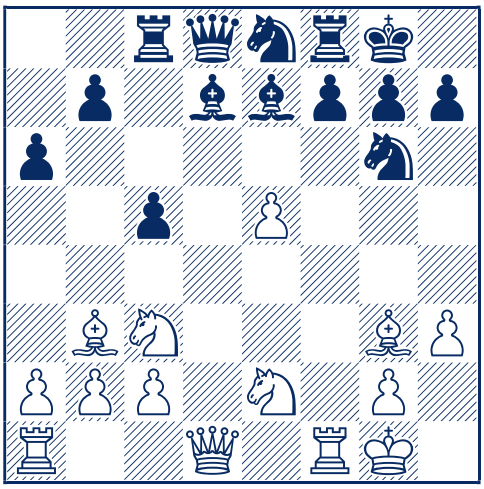
This two-day event, directed by Alex Relyea, saw 40 players evenly split across two sections. The hard fought games were played under a time control of 40 moves in 90 minutes followed by sudden death in 30 minutes, with a 30 second increment from the start.

The Open section was won jointly by IM David Vigorito and David Carter. The latter annotates his upset victory in the second round over GM Alexander Ivanov below. The U1750 section had a clear winner as Dale Barkey notched a 4-0 performance.

Tiruveedhula,Saanvi (1178) - Commisso,Michael (1619)

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (1), 2017-01-14

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Be7 5.Nxd4 Ne5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.Bf4 (7.f4 Nc6 8.Nc3±) 7…Ng6 8.Bg3 (The pawn can be saved with the help of some tactics after 8.Ne2 Nxe4 9.Qd5 Bb4+! 10.Bd2 [10.c3 Qe7 11.cxb4 Nxf4 12.Qxf7+ Qxf7 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.Nxf4=] 10…Qe7 11.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Nbc3 Nxc3 13.Qxf7+ Kd8 14.bxc3 [14.Nxc3 Re8+ 15.Kf1=] 14.Qe7 15.Qxe7+ Nxe7=) 8…d6 (8…Nxe4∓) 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.h3 Bd7 12.f4 c5 13.Nde2 (Better is 13.Nf5 with an edge for White.) 13…Rc8 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Ne8 (15…c4 16.exf6 Bxf6=)



Spot The Tactic #13 (white to move)

16.Nf4? Nxf4? (16…c4 wins the bishop.) 17.Rxf4 Bg5 (17…Nc7 heading to e6 or 17…b5 are equal.) 18.Rxf7 Rxf7 19.e6 (19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qd5+ etc.) 19…Bxe6 20.Bxe6 (20…Qxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rd8 defends) 20…Rc6 21.Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Rf1 (23.Rd1) 23…Rf6 (23…Be3+ 24.Kh2 Nf6) 24.Re1 (24.Rd1 wins since both the queen and bishop are attacked. On 24…Qe7, White has 25.Nd5, and after 24…Be3+ 25.Kh2 there follows either 25…Bd4 26.Ne4 Qe7 [26…Rh6 27.Qxc5!; 26…Rc6 27.c3] 27.Nxf6+ or 25…Qc8 26.Nd5 Re6 27.Re1) 24…g6 25.Qg4 (Not 25.Qxg5? because of 25…Rf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qxg5, but 25.Rxe8+! Qxe8 26.Qxg5 is very good.) 25…Ng7 (25…Qd4+ helps relieve the pressure a bit via a queen trade: 26.Qxd4 cxd4 27.Rxe8+ Kf7 28.Rc8 dxc3 29.Rxc3) 26.Qc4+ Kh8 27.Be5 Rf8 28.Rd1 Qe8 29.Re1 Qf7 30.Qxc5 Bh4 31.g3 Bd8 32.Ne4 h6 33.Kg2 Kh7 34.b3 Nf5 35.Nd6? Be7! (The tide has now turned in Black's favor.) 36.Bf4 Bxd6 37.Bxd6 Nxd6 38.Kg1 Ne4 39.Rxe4 Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Rf2+ 41.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qxe4 44.c4 Kg7 45.a4 Kf6 46.b4 Qc2 47.b5 Ke5 48.c5 Ke4 49.c6 Kf3 50.cxb7 Qg2# 0-1

Ponce,Ramiro (1665) - Patil,Shravani (1306) [A00]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (1), 2017-01-14

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Nd7 3.Nf3 Ngf6 4.e3 e6 5.a3 g6 6.c4 c6 7.Qc2 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 9.h4 h6 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Rg1 (11.d4=) 11…Qe7 (11…h5 throws a monkey wrench into White's plans.) 12.g4 Nh7 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 Nhf8 15.Ne2 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qf6 17.Qxf6 Nxf6 18.g5 hxg5 19.Nxg5 Ne6 20.f4 Nxg5 21.Rxg5 Kf8 22.0-0-0 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Rdg1 Bd7 (24…a5 provides the counterplay Black needs.) 25.h5 Rae8 26.hxg6 fxg6 27.Rxg6

Ke7 28.Nd4 Kd8 29.f5 Rxd4 30.exd4 Bxf5 31.Rg7 Bd7 32.Rg8 Rxg8 33.Rxg8+ Kc7 34.Kb2 Be6 35.Rg7+ Kb6 36.a4 Ka6 37.Kb3 Bf5 38.b5+ cxb5 39.axb5+ Kxb5 40.Rxb7+ Ka6 41.Rf7 Be4 42.Kb4 Kb6 43.Rf6+ Kc7 44.Kc5 Kb8 45.Kc6 a5 46.Kb6 Kc8 47.Kxa5 Kd7 48.Kb5 Ke7 49.Rh6 Kd7 50.Kc5 Ke7 51.Rd6 Kf7 52.Rxd5 Bxd5 53.Kxd5 1-0

Garside,Finn (1481) - Dudley,Michael (1336) [B78]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (2), 2017-01-14

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Qd2 a6 9.f3 d6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 Ne5 12.Be2 Rc8 13.g4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.h4 Qc7 16.h5 e5 17.Nb3 Rc6 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bh6 (19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5+ Rf7 21.Rxh7!) 19…Be6 20.Nc1 Rc8 21.Nd3 d5? (21…Bxh6 22.Rxh6 Qb6) 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Nxe5 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 (24.fxe4 Qxe5 25.exd5 Rxc3 [25…Rd8 26.Qh6; 25…Rd6 26.Rhe1] 26.bxc3 Bxg4 27.Rde1 Qxc3 28.Qxc3 Rxc3 29.Re7 h5 30.d6 wins.) 24…Qxe5 25.Nc3 Rc5 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.Rxd4 Rf8 28.Re1 Re8 29.Rxd5?! (29.Kc1±) 29…Bxd5 30.Rxe8+ Kf7 31.Re5? (31.Re1=) 31…Bxa2+ 32.Kxa2 Rxe5 33.Ne4 h5 34.gxh5 gxh5 35.Nd6+ Ke6 36.Nxb7 h4 37.Nd8+ Kf5 38.Nc6 Re3 39.c3 h3 0-1

Carter,David (2230) - (GM) Ivanov,Alexander (2564) [A70]

Portsmouth Open (2), 2017-01-14

Annotated by David Carter

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5

This is an Old Indian which GM Ivanov has started games with me before. It is a solid opening with great flexibity.

4.d5

The inviting 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bg5 c6 7.0-0-0+ Kc7 is a well-known position that white scores less than 40% in my DB.

4...Nbd7 5.e4 Nc5 6.Qc2 a5 7.Be2

This was the first critical position. Will GM Ivanov play ...Be7 and keep the game in less chartered waters or play ...g6 and head to a book King's Indian Defense?

7...g6

Glad to see book.

8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3

I have reached this position 6 times in OTB play, once in postal and many times in blitz. The normal way of arriving at this position is 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 (More common is for White to play 7.0-0 when Black usually plays 7…Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 with three main moves for White 9.Ne1, 9.Nd2 and 9.b4) 7…Nbd7 (or 7…Na6) 8.0-0 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 is the position in the game.

11...Nh7

Now Black plays the traditional KID idea of moving the Nf6 and pushing the kingside pawns. Other moves with this same idea are 11…Nd7 or even 11…Ne8. The moves 11…Nh5 almost forces White to play 12.g3, but has the downside of making 12…f5 more challenging to play because the knight on h5 can be left hanging if Black wants to respond to 13.exf5 with gxf5.

Alternatives include:

A. 11...Ng4 leads a position where white is a bit weak on the dark squares, but has a mobile pawn center and a lead in development after 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.h3 Nf6 14.Nxe5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 (In my only game facing ...Ng4, I played 15.Rad1?!) 15...Bxe5 16.f4 Bd4+ 17.Kh2 1-0 (42) Gligoric,S-Langeweg,K/Amsterdam 1970

B. 11...b6 shores up the knight on c5 allowing the center strengthening …bxc5 if White ever captures there. However, this move allows 12.Nd2 and White's pieces are well positioned and cannot be hassled from g4 or h5 without allowing White to rid himself of his "bad bishop" and reduce Black's attacking pieces on the kingside.

B1. 12...Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 (13...Bh5) 14.b3 Nh5 15.g3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 Qe8 18.Rae1= ½-½ (36) Veingold,A (2450)-Suetin,A (2500) Tallinn 1980;

B2. The other try is 12...Ng4 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.b3 Only 7/93 games in my DB; (I did not think 14.a3 was as good as 14.b3, after 14...a4 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.Nxa4 Qg5 17.f3 Bd7 18.Nc3 h5 19.Nb5 Bh6 20.Nb1± with a plus for White, but not that easy a move to find OTB.) 14...Bd7 15.a3 f5 16.f3 (I was surprised to see that my engine liked 16.exf5 slightly better than 16.f3. For example, 16...Bxf5 (16...gxf5 17.f3±) 17.Nde4) After 16.f3 Black continued 16...f4 17.Bf2 g5 18.b4 Nb7 19.c5?! bxc5? 20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Na4± 1-0 (44) Carter,D (2225)-Pader,D (2203) Club Swiss 2015

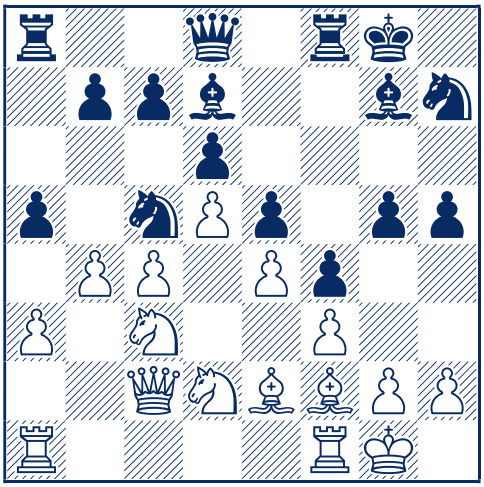
C. 11...Nh5 12.g3 Bd7 (12...f5?! 13.Nh4 Nf4 14.Bxf4 g5 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 16.exf5±; 12...Bh3 13.Rfe1 yields nothing) 13.Nd2= but I like White's game

12.Nd2 f5 13.f3

13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.exf5 gxf5 (14...Bxf5 15.Bd3±) 15.f3± Black has a damaged pawn structure and weak kingside, but also has 2 bishops.

13...f4 14.Bf2 Bd7± 15.b3 g5 16.a3 h5 17.b4

The race is on!



(black to move)

17…Na6

In a similar position, I played Qb3 to protect the b-pawn, but later analysis showed that was unnecessary.

18.c5! g4

The pawn is poison 18...axb4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Qb3 Rxa1 (if 20...Na6 21.c6+- decides matters) 21.Rxa1 dxc5 22.Bxc5+-

19.c6 g3

After 19...bxc6 I had planned 20.dxc6 Be6 21.b5 Nc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Na4± which looked very good.

20.hxg3

GM Ivanov begins to throw everything at me.

20...fxg3 21.Bxg3 Qg5 22.cxd7?!

This move lowers a decisive advantage to just better for White; the computer gives 22.cxb7 as crushing for White, but I thought, without the Bd7, how am I going to get mated on the kingside?

22...Qxg3 23.Bxa6 Bh6!

A good shot.

24.Qd3!?

Not the best move. 24.Rf2 was simple and effective; Black has nothing and is getting short on time.

24…Bf4?

Against 24...Ng5 I had planned 25.f4 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 Nf2+ 27.Rxf2 Qxf2 28.Bxb7 with a big edge. The best try is simply 24...Rxa6 25.Ne2 Qg7 26.b5 Raa8 27.Rac1 Qxd7 but with a backward pawn on an open file, a weaker king with heavy artillery on the board and a possible knight post at f5 looming gives White a good advantage.

25.Ne2 Qh2+ 26.Kf2 Qh4+ 27.g3 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Bxg3+ 29.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Ke2 Ng5

31.Qe3

This solidifies everything.

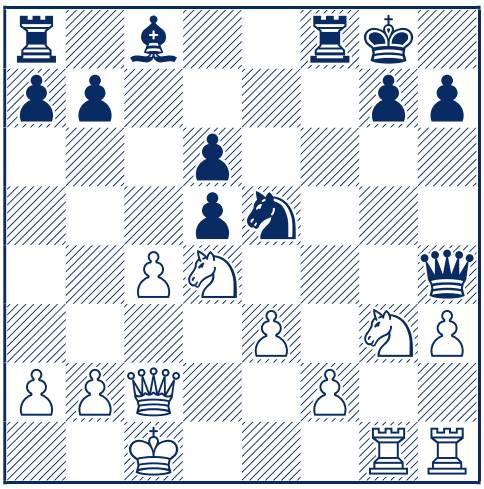
31...Kh7 32.Bxb7 Rab8 33.Bc6 axb4 34.axb4 Rxb4 35.Ra8 Rbb8 36.Rxb8 Rxb8 37.Qa7 Rd8 38.Qxc7 Nf7 39.Qb6 Qg2+ 40.Qf2 Qg5 41.Rg1 Qf6 42.Qh2 Qh6 43.Qh3 1-0

Well, I'm not sure I can play much better than I did here. GM Ivanov was not at his best, of course, but after 11 straight losses it felt very good to win one.

Straus,Kenneth (1646) - Ponce,Ramiro (1665) [A51]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (2), 2017-01-14

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Bc5 4.Nc3 Ng4 5.e3 f5 6.Be2 d6 7.Nf3 e4?! (7…0-0 or 7…a5 are equal.) 8.Nd4± Qh4 9.Bxg4 fxg4 10.Nxe4 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 0-0 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Ng3 c6 16.h3 (16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Ndf5 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Qf6 19.Nxd6 Qxf2 20.Qe4 Qf6 21.Rhf1 Qe6 22.c5 gives white a big advantage, but care is required after 22…Qa2? since 23.Qxe5 would only draw after 23…Rxf1 24.Rxf1 Qa1+ 25.Kc2 Qxf1 [Note: f7 is covered, so 26.Qe6 does not lead to smothered mate]. Instead White must interpose 23.Rxf8+ first and then take the knight.) 16…gxh3 17.gxh3 cxd5 18.Rdg1?



Spot The Tactic #14 (black to move)

18…g6 19.Ngf5 Bxf5 20.Nxf5 Qf6 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.f4 Nxc4 23.Ng4 Qh4 24.Kb1 Rae8 25.Qd3 h5 26.Ne5 (26.Qxd5 hxg4 27.Qxc4 gxh3 28.Qc7+ Qe7 29.Qc2=) 26…Nxe5 27.fxe5 Qe4 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.exd6 Rd8 30.Rd1 Rf6 31.Rd4 Rdxd6 32.Rxe4 Rfe6 33.Rc4 Re7 34.Rd4 Rde6 35.Re1 Rxe3 36.Rxe3 Rxe3 37.Rd7+ Kf6 38.Rxb7 Rxh3 39.Rxa7 Rh1+ 40.Kc2 h4 41.b4 h3 42.b5 h2 43.Rh7 Ra1 0-1

Commisso,Michael (1619) - Barkey,Dale (1787) [C50]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (2), 2017-01-14

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.d4 Bxd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 d6 8.Qd3 (8.Nd5) 8…Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 (10.exd5 gives Black more to think about since the d4-knight is running short of squares.) 10…Rb8 11.c3 Ne6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.f4 (13.0-0) 13…exf4 14.Bxf4 0-0 15.Be3 a6 16.0-0 Qd7 17.Rad1 e5 18.Rf5? (18.Bg5) 18…Qc6 19.Rg5 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.Rg4 Nf6 22.Rg3 Rf7 23.Rf1 Rbf8 24.Rf5 Ne8 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.Bf2 e4 27.Kf1 d5 28.Ke2 Nd6 29.Rg5 Rf5 30.Rg4 Nc4 31.Bd4 g6 32.h4 Nxb2 33.Rg3 Nc4 34.Rh3 b5 35.g4 Rf7 36.h5 gxh5 37.Rxh5 c6 38.Rh6 Rf4 39.g5 e3! 40.g6 (Not 40.Bxe3? Re4 41.Rh3 Rxe3+ 42.Rxe3 Nxe3 43.Kxe3 Kg7 with an easily winning K+P endgame.) 40…hxg6 41.Rxg6+ Kf7 42.Rxc6 Rf2+ 43.Ke1 Rxa2 44.Bc5 e2 45.Rc7+ Kf6 46.Re7 Kf5 47.Rxe2 Rxe2+ 48.Kxe2 Ke4 49.Bf8 d4 50.cxd4 Kxd4 51.Bg7+ Ke4 52.Kd1 Kd3 53.Kc1 b4 54.Kb1 a5 55.Bf6 a4 0-1

(IM) Vigorito,David (2454) - Carter,David (2230) [A07]

Portsmouth Open (3), 2017-01-15

Annotated by both players

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Bd6 4.0-0 Ne7 5.c4 c6 6.d4!N

DV: A good move, but I had not worked it out properly at all.

6...dxc4?!

DV: Carter loves to grab pawns.

7.e4

DV: Bold, but 7.a4 was probably better.

DV: 7.Nbd2 b5 8.b3±;

DV: 7.Nfd2 b5 8.a4 Nd5 9.axb5 cxb5 10.e4±

7...b5 8.e5?! (DV) 8...Bc7 9.Nc3 Nd5

DV: 9...Nd7 is unclear.

10.Ne4 Nd7 11.Nfg5?!

DC: A critical juncture. Against 11.Bg5 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Bh6 (DV: With compensation. Worse is 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxc6+ Ke7 18.Bxa8 Bxb2 is unclear.) 13...Qe7 DC: White is better, but I would feel comfortable defending a position like this up a pawn.

11...h6

DV: 11...0-0 12.Nxh7 Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Kg8 14.Qh5 N5f6 15.Qh4 (DC: with equal chances.)

12.Qh5

DC: Completing the attacking motif, but not that good. 12.Qg4 offered a better attacking chance.

12...Qe7

DV: 12...0-0!?

13.Bd2

DV: 13.Nf3; 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 N7f6 Black is better.

13...g6 14.Qh3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Bg7 18.g4

DC: This is almost forced because the Queen had no way out.

18...c3?!

DV: 18...e5 19.Qg3 0-0 Black is better.

19.Be3 ½-½

DC: Dave offered and Dave accepted. I did not really hesitate much because I was not sure how best to post my pieces and, after all, I get to round 4 with 2.5 and I've already played #1 and #2.

GM Ivanov,Alexander (2572) - French,Al (1935) [C10]

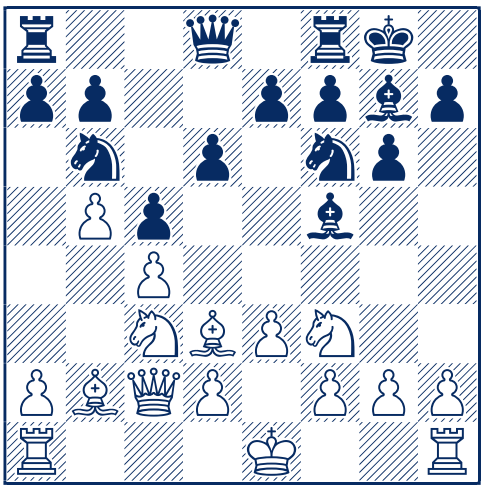
Portsmouth Open (3), 2017-01-15

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ Qxf6 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bd3 c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be4 0-0 11.dxc5 e5 (Ivanov suggested 11…Qxb2, which Stockfish 8 agrees is equal.) 12.c3 Be6 13.Qc2 g5 14.b4 a6 15.a4 Qg7 16.Bf5 Bf6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qe4 Rab8 19.Rad1 g4 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Qc2 Nd5 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Bd2 Qg6 24.Rfe1 Bh4 25.g3 Be7 26.c4 Nf6 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6 28.Bc3 Rbd8 29.Rxd8 Bxd8 30.Bxe5 Qf7 31.Re2 Bg5 32.Qe4 h5 33.b5 axb5 34.axb5 Bd8 35.c6 1-0 (after a few more moves)

Ponce,Ramiro (1665) - Dudley,Michael (1336) [A16]

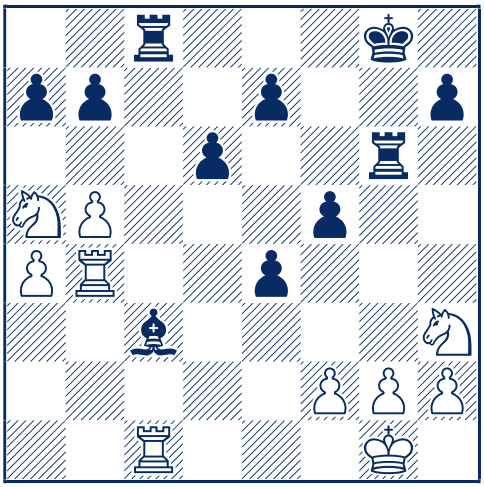
Portsmouth Open, U1750 (3), 2017-01-15

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2 0-0 5.Qc2 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.b4 c5 8.b5 Nb6 9.Bb2 Bf5 10.Bd3



(black to move)

10…Nxc4! 11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.Nd1 Nxb2 13.Nxb2 Qd7 14.a4 Nd5 15.0-0 Nb4 16.Qb3 Qe6 17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Rab1 e5 19.d4 e4 20.Ng5 cxd4 21.exd4 Rf6 22.Nc4 Rg6 (Better is 22…Nd5) 23.Nh3 (23.Rxb4 Rxg5 24.Na5 is an improvement) 23…Rc8? (23…Nd3 retains Black's advantage.) 24.Rxb4 Bxd4 25.Na5 Bc3 26.Rc1? (26.Rc4)



Spot The Tactic #15 (black to move)

26…b6 27.Rc4 Rxc4 28.Nxc4 Bb4 29.Nf4 Rg4 30.Nd5 Bc5 31.Nxe7+ Kf7 32.Nxf5 Ke6 33.Nfe3 Rf4 34.g3 Rf3 35.Rd1 d5 36.Nxd5 Rxf2 37.Kh1 Rc2 38.Nce3 Bxe3 39.Nxe3 Re2 40.Nd5 Ke5 41.Nf4 Ra2 42.Rd7 Rxa4 43.Rxh7 e3 44.h4 Ke4 45.Kg2 Ra2+ 46.Kh3 Kf3 47.Rf7 Ke4 48.h5 Rc2 49.Rxa7 Rc8 50.Rb7 Rh8 51.Rxb6 Kf3 52.Re6 Rg8 53.Rg6 Rb8 54.b6 Rb7 55.h6 Rh7 56.Kh4 Ke4 57.Kg4 1-0

Hankard,James (1626) - Commisso,Michael (1619) [A27]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (3), 2017-01-15

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 f5 4.e4 d6 5.d3 fxe4 6.dxe4 Nf6 7.h3 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 0-0 11.Be2 Nd4 12.Qd3 c5 13.0-0 Bxd5 14.cxd5 (Not 14.exd5 e4! 15.Qxe4 Re8 16.Qd3 Nxe2+) 14…Qe8 15.Nh2 (15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bg4=) 15…b5 16.b3 Qg6 17.Ng4 (17.Nf3=) 17…Be7 (17…Bg5) 18.Nh2 Rf4 19.f3 h5 20.Rab1 Qg3 21.Rf2 Bh4 22.Rbf1 Raf8 (Black can win the exchange here with an interesting repositioning: 22…Rf7 23.Bd1 Qf4 24.Qd2 [24.Rb2? loses a whole piece after 24…Bg3] 24…Bxf2+) 23.Bd1 R8f6 (Here again, 23…R4f7 followed by …Qf4 is strong.) 24.Kh1 (24.Rb2) 24…Rg6 (24…Bg5, threatening to take up the post on f4, wins, e.g., 25.Be2 c4 [deflecting the queen, so f4 comes without a trade offer] 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Qxc4 Rh4 28.f4 Bxf4) 25.Rb2 Bg5 26.Rg1 Rh4 27.Nf1 Qe1 28.Nh2 ½-½

Cote,Joshua (1971) - Sheinwald,Nowell (1896) [B01]

Portsmouth Open (4), 2017-01-15

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.Bf4 Nb6 9.Nge2 Nbxd5 10.Be5 Ne3 11.Qd2 Nxg2+ 12.Kf2 Nh4 13.Ng3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 e6 15.Nge4 Be7 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Qe4 c6 18.Rhg1 Ng6 19.Kg2 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Qxe5 22.Qb4 Qf4 23.Ne4 Qxf3+ 24.Rg2 0-0-0 25.Nc5 Rd1+ 26.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 27.Rg1 Qd5+ 28.Rg2 b5 29.Nxa6 Rd8 30.Qa5 Qd1+ 31.Rg1 Qf3+ 0-1

Commisso,Michael (1619) - Tiruveedhula,Maruthi (1378)

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (4), 2017-01-15

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 Be7 5.e5 Ne4 6.Qxd4 Ng5 7.Nc3 d6 8.exd6 Nxf3+ 9.gxf3 Bf6 10.Qe4+ Kf8 11.Bd2 Qxd6 12.0-0-0 c6? 13.Bf4 Qe7 14.Bd6 Qxd6 15.Rxd6 Nd7 16.Rhd1 b5 17.Bxb5 cxb5 18.Qxa8 1-0

Ponce,Ramiro (1665) - Barkey,Dale (1787) [A16]

Portsmouth Open, U1750 (4), 2017-01-15

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.b4 Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.Qc2 d6 6.e3 e5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.b5 Ne7 9.0-0-0 (Risky. 9.Be2 intending kingside castling is equal.) 9…a6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nf5 12.h3 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 axb5 14.cxb5 Nd7 15.Ra4 Rxa4 16.Qxa4 (16.Nxa4) 16…Nc5 17.Qb4 Be6 18.Bc4 Qh4 (Threatening 19…Nd3+, winning the queen.) 19.f4 Qf2 20.Nd1 Qxg2 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qc3+ (22.Qb2+ Qxb2 23.Nxb2 offers stiffer resistance, but Black is still winning.) 22…Kg8 23.Re1 Qxh3 24.Bxe6 Nxe6 25.Nf2 Qf5 26.Qb2 Re8 27.Rg1 Qc5+ 28.Kd2 Nxf4 29.Ng4 Qd5+ 30.Kc2 Qd3+ 0-1

Upcoming Events

NH SCHOLASTIC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 18, 2017

Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH

4-SS, time control varies by section. Four sections. High School (Grades 10-12), Junior High School (Grades 7-8), Elementary School (Grades 4-6), Primary School (Grades K-3). For complete details on eligibility, entry fees, how to enter etc., click the link below.
Flyer: http://www.nhchess.org/downloads/2017-Scholastic-Individuals-Flyer.pdf

NEW HAMPSHIRE QUICK CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

April 1, 2017

Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Grand Prix Points: 6

8SS, G/25;d3, EF: $20 postmarked by 25 March, $25 at site. Memb. Req'd: $8, Juniors $6. OSA. $$GTD: $200-100. U2000 $100. U1600 $100. Plaque and $100 bonus to top finishing NH resident. Reg: 9:00-9: 45. Rds: 10-11-1-2-3-4-5:30-6:30. Byes available rounds 1-7, limit two. Must be requested before round four. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. NS W.
Flyer: http://www.nhchess.org/downloads/NH-Quick-Apr2017.pdf

WOMEN'S VILLE DE REINE OPEN

June 24, 2017

Courtyard Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, 700 Huse Road, Manchester NH

Grand Prix Points: 6

In 2 Sections Open: 4SS, G/65;d5, $$GTD: $200-100-60. U1950 $60 $100 bonus to top player over age 18. $50 bonus to top mother-daughter team. (Either section.). U1000: 4SS, G/65;d5, Open to 999 & under. $$GTD: $100-70-60-50-40. U500 $60. ALL: Open to Women Only. EF: Entry fee $35 postmarked by 17 June, $40 at site. Reg: 8:45-9:15. Rds: 9:30-12:30-3-5:30. 1 half point bye rounds 1-3. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. JGP. NS W. relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com.
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67th NEW HAMPSHIRE OPEN

July 8-9

Courtyard Nashua Hotel, 2200 Southwood Dr. (Exit 8 off Everett Turnpike), Nashua, NH 03063

A Heritage Event! US Chess Junior Grand Prix! A State Championship Event!

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 40 (Enhanced)

4SS, 40/100, SD/60 d5.; 603-880-9100. $$G 5,467. Five sections. Open, EF: $67 if rec'd by 7/6; free to GM/IM. $$G: 600-400-240, U2300 300, U2150 240-180. NH Champion title and $67 bonus to top-scoring NH resident. Under 2050, EF: $67 if rec'd by 7/6. $$G 400-240-180. Under 1850, EF: $67 if rec'd by 7/6. $$G 400-240-180-120. Under 1650, EF: $67 if rec'd by 7/6. $$G 400-240-180. Under 1450, EF: $57, U1050/Unr $47, if rec'd by 7/6. $$G 300-180-120, U1250 160-100. All, No unrated player may win more than $90 in Under 1450, $120 in Under 1650, $150 in Under 1850, $200 in Under 2050. EF $7 more if paid at site. NHCA memb. required for rated NH residents: $8 adult, $6 age 18/younger. Reg.: Sat. 8:30-9:35 a.m., Rds.: 10-4:15, 9:30-3:45. Half-point bye OK for any one round except Rd 4 in Open section. No player will receive both half-point bye and full-point bye. NHCA membership meeting 9 a.m. Sunday. HR: $120 (plus 9% tax) if reserved directly with hotel; reserve by 6/23, mention NH Chess or NHCA. Direct online reservation link available at www.nhchess.org. Ent: NHCA, c/o Hal Terrie, 377 Huse Rd. Unit 23, Manchester, NH 03103. To enter online using credit card, start by visiting www.nhchess.org. Info: Hal Terrie, halterrie@comcast.net or 603-668-8368 (home).

Spot The Tactic Solutions

#1) Trendell-Tappen, NH Amateur, U1300:

11...Nxd5 12.exd5 e4 (This tactic is also possible on moves 12, 13, and 15.)

#2) Tilton-See, NH Amateur, U1300:

6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qxc5 (This tactic is also possible on moves 7, 8, and 9.)

#3) Tilton-See, NH Amateur, U1300:

11.Bxd5 cxd5 12.Qb5+ Nc6 13.Qxc5

#4) Godin-Kelley, NH Amateur:

19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Rfe1 Bd6 (20...0-0 21.Rxe5 or 20...Bf6 21.Rxe6+ Kd8 [21...Kf8?? 22.Qh6+ Bg7 23.Re8 mate] 22.Rxf6 Qxg3 23.Qe2) 21.Rxe6+ Kd8 22.Qxg5+ Kc8 23.Re8 Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Kd7 25.Rh8 Be5 (25...c4 26.d4! Bxg3 27.h4! is mate in 14 according to Stockfish 8) 26.Rf8 and Black avoids mate only at great material cost.

#5) Martin-Commisso, NH Amateur, U1750:

27...Rxc3 28.Rxd4 (28.Rxc3? Ne2+) 28...Rxb3 or 27...Nxb3 28.Ne4 (28.Nxb5? Nc5) 28...Nc1 29.Rd2 b4

#6) Feng-Havener, NH Amateur, U1750:

20...Qxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Nd2+ 22.Ke2 Nxb3 23.Rc3 Nxd4+ 24.exd4 f6

#7) Harju-Ashley, NH Amateur, U1300:

22.Reb1! (or 22.Rab1) 22...Qxc3 23.Rb8+ Ke7 24.Rab1 g6 (24...Nd7 25.R8b7 Qc2 26.Rxd7+ Kxd7 27.Qf5+ Kc7 28.Qxf7+ Be7 [28...Kd8 29.Qe8+ Kc7 30.Qb8+ Kd7 31.Rb7+ Ke6 32.Qc8 Kf6 33.Qf5 mate] 29.Qxe7+ Kc8 [29...Kc6 Qb7 mate] 30.Qb7+ [Not 30...Rb7?? Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ with a draw by perpetual check.] 30...Kd8 31.Kh2! Qxa4 32.Qs8+ Ke7 33.Rb7+ Qd7 [33...Ke6 34.Qxh8 and mate cannot be avoided] 34.Qxh8 Qxb7 35.Qxg7+) 25.R1b7+ Nd7 (25...Ke6 26.Re8+! Nxe8 27.Qxf7 mate) 26.Rxd7+ Kxd7 27.Qxf7+ Be7 28.Rxh8

#8) Elmore-Ames, NH Amateur:

24...Nxg2 25.Rg1 (25.Kxg2 Qg6+ 26.Kh1 [26.Kf1 Qg1+ 27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Nf2 Bxf2] 26...Qg3) 25...Bxg1+

#9) Elmore-Ames, NH Amateur:

32...Qg3! 33.Bxg3 (33.Rf2 Ne3 34.Rxe5 Rf8 35.Rxe3 fxe3 36.Rf1 Rxh3+ 37.gxh3 Qxh3+ 38.Kg1 Rf6) 33...Nxg3+ 34.Kh2 Nxe2 35.Rxe5 Nxc3

#10) Meehan-Walton, NH Amateur, U1750:

18...Nxe5 (or 18...Bxe5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Qxd8 [20.Qe2 Nd3] 20...Rfd8 21.fxe5 Rc2 22.Rf2 Rd1+ 23.Nf1 Rcxc1) 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Ne2 (protecting d4) 20...Be4 21.Qe3 Bf6

#11) Havener-OKuniewicz, NH Amateur, U1750:

19.Rc1 Bd6 20.f4 Nce4 (20...Nxa4 21.Rxc7 Bxc7 22.Qa6) 21.Qd1 Qb7 22.d3

#12) Bradley-Elmore, NH Amateur:

34.Qe8+! Rxe8 35.Rxe8 mate

#13) Tiruveedhula-Commisso, Portsmouth Open, U1750:

16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Rxf7 (not 17.Qd5 Bf5!) 17...Kxf7 18.Qd5+ Be6 19.Rf1+ Nf6 20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.Qf3 Rxb2 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Rd1

#14) Straus-Ponce, Portsmouth Open, U1750:

18...Rxf2! 19.Qxf2 (19.Qc3 Bd7 20.Kb1 Rc8) 19...Nd3+ 20.Kd2 Nxf2

#15) Ponce-Dudley, Portsmouth Open, U1750:

26...Rc5 27.Rc4 Bxa5 28.Rxc5 dxc5 29.Rxd5 Rd6

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